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Science and Technology Advisory Panel

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The Honorable James P. Wade Principal Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense Research and Engineering Room 3E1014, Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

Dear Mr. Wade:

The Chairman and members of the DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel invite you to be their guest for cocktails and dinner on Tuesday, 28 February 1984, at the Black Horse Tavern, 1240 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. with dinner beginning about an hour later.

The discussions during dinner are understood to be unofficial and informal and we have no set agenda. The evening is intended to provide a relaxed, social atmosphere where you can become better acquainted with the members and they with you. The Panel is also interested in learning about those technological issues which concern you and in exploring how the members might assist you in resolving some of these problems. Although we will be dining in a private room, the Black Horse Tavern is, nevertheless, a public restaurant and all discussion must be unclassified.

I have enclosed a membership list and a resume of the Panel's mission and functions. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance in this or any other matter, please contact me on $\square$
Sincerely,

Executive Secretary

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## STAP RESUME

The Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) was formed by the Director of Central Intelligence in 1976. It serves the DCI as a source of independent advice and expertise on a variety of scientific, technical, and management issues. The membership includes renowned senior scientists, executives, and other leaders from industry and academe.

The STAP meets quarterly in plenary session where, inter alia, formal briefings are presented, reports approved, and direct consultation with the DCI is effected. At other times small working groups or sub-panels are formed to respond to DCI tasking, address specific issues, and provide STAP participation in technical studies or other ongoing projects.

The STAP also responds to requests for assistance from any Deputy Director or senior line manager who believes a STAP member's expertise may contribute to resolving a difficult technical intelligence problem. STAP assistance may be in the form of an informal discussion, a written memorandum, or a formal study or report signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the DCI.

Principal functions of the STAP include:

- To insure the DCI and senior Intelligence Community managers are forewarned of significant advances in state-of-the-art technology and in new applications of existing technology.
- To identify and highlight the implications of current and future S&T developments for intelligence activity.
- To provide linkages and interactions between the intelligence community and the scientific and technical communities in industry, academe, and government, as appropriate.
- To provide a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of current and planned S&T-related intelligence activity.
- To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to introduce new thinking and suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.

